Director
Intelligence Community Staff

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I've thought over your proposal. I think it's a bad idea to change from _personal_ responsibility that has obviously been effective to _committee_ responsibility.

[   ] has so far been STAT completely successful at getting cooperation from the rest of the staff; I expect he (or a successor) would continue to be successful.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM: [   ]   STAT
             Director, Office of HUMINT Collection

SUBJECT: Recommendations Concerning the IC Staff
         Open-Source Responsibility

1.   During the three-year period in which the Office of HUMINT
Collection has had an officer working full-time on open-source
intelligence (OSINT) issues, many initiatives, including the following,
have been undertaken:

a.   We began in 1978 by developing a recommendation for an
interagency mechanism to consider open-source issues. Initially
proposed as a functionally organized HRC sub-committee, we met
opposition from some HRC members who preferred a "one agency-one
member" structure. A modified proposal, adopted and enunciated
by the Chairman in 1979 established an Advisory Group on Open-Source
Intelligence which reported to him.

b.   In response to the Chairman's request for program
proposals in the OSINT field, some members provided open-source
augmentation proposals which were passed to the Resource
Management Staff. Specific items included increased funding in
FY 1981 for translation in Chinese and obscure Soviet languages.